

Subject: Thinking About Test Tree Wells

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Last week I toured all of the tree wells in the BID area. It was an exciting time. I made some drawings of typical tree wells that allowed me to sketch the installations of the test tree wells. The bricks are a little tricky inasmuch as we want them to fit-in in an aesthetic manner with minimal cutting / fitting. The poured material is easier as it forms to any size although I'm wondering about its cost and ease of handling. We'll compare the two.

The BID Board said that they would like the test installations to occur in the Triangle area. There is a broad range of existing tree well landscaping in place there. Some of it, in front of Ayara for example, is really pretty nice. (We may want to leave that installation as it is even if we improve other tree wells.) Other tree wells are less attractive, but not unattractive. And finally, many just look bad and should be replaced.

We need to make 4 test installations. Color 1 in bricks; Color 2 in bricks; Color 1 in poured epoxy; Color 2 in poured epoxy. I was thinking we could make these installations in the 4 eastern most tree wells on 87th Street. The businesses fronting those wells are Oliveit east to the Drollinger property on the corner. Does that work for you all? Miki? I'll stop in and visit with Oliveit. Should we send a general letter, or is that inviting more process than we might want? I can argue both ways. So my thought was to just stop and talk to the businesses / property owners that front the installations. Thoughts, please?

All of the Sepulveda and side street tree wells seem like they will accept this proposed improvement readily.

I'm looking forward to getting something in the ground that we can look at.

Let me know your thoughts. Thank you.